

**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill contains an appropriation of \$20,000,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Emergency Fire Suppression Account. This appropriation is effective immediately.

Description of Appropriation:

The funds in the Emergency Fire Suppression Account would be expended for support services, personnel costs, and contract services related to fire suppression activities for qualifying fires on private and state lands.

Assumptions:

The Forestry Division anticipates that given the recent fire seasons, it will continue to see an increase in fire occurrences and intensity, but cannot predict the specific breakdown or timing of expenditures of this appropriation.

The bill also contains an amendment to statute that would appropriate \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Emergency Fire Suppression Account on July 1, 2020 and July 1 of each year thereafter. The State Auditor shall not transfer funds under this new provision in any calendar year when the balance of the emergency fire suppression account is \$25,000,000 or more on June 30 of that year.

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